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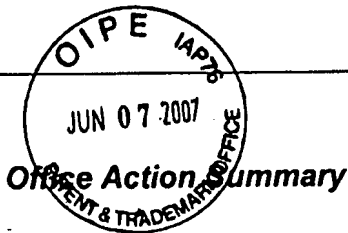
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Application No. 09/175,589	Applicant(s) JACOBSON, ANDREA M.	
	Examiner Ella Colbert	Art Unit 3694

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) OR THIRTY (30) DAYS, WHICHEVER IS LONGER, FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 20 March 2007.
- 2a) ☐ This action is FINAL. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-14, 16-19 and 21-23 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-3, 5-14, 16-19 and 21-23 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 20 March 2007 is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☒ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
- ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 - ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 - ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413)
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DETAILED ACTION

1. Claims 1-3, 5-14, 16-19, and 21-23 are pending. Claims 1, 13, 17, and 23 were amended in this communication filed 03/20/07 entered as Response After Non-Final Action, Request for Extension of Time, Substitute Specification, and New or Additional Drawings.

2. The objection to the Specification has been overcome by Applicant's amendment to the Specification and the submission of a substitute Specification and is hereby withdrawn.

3. Applicant's drawing objection still remains as set forth here below.

4. The claim objections for claims 1, 13, 17, and 23 have been overcome by Applicant's amendment to claims 1, 13, 17, and 23 and are hereby withdrawn.

5. The 35 USC 112 first paragraph has been overcome by Applicant's amendments to claims 1, 13, 17, and 23.

6. The 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejection from the previous office action of 02/04/06 has been overcome and is hereby withdrawn. However, there are still remaining 35 USC 112 second paragraph rejections as set forth here below.

Drawings

7. New corrected drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121(d) are required in this application because the newly submitted drawing figures 3B, 8A, 8B, 8C, and 9-16 are slanted at an angle on the page and the dark shading needs to be removed. Applicant is advised to employ the services of a competent patent draftsman outside the Office, as the U.S. Patent and Trademark Office no longer prepares new drawings. The

corrected drawings are required in reply to the Office action to avoid abandonment of the application. The requirement for corrected drawings will not be held in abeyance.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 112

8. The following is a quotation of the second paragraph of 35 U.S.C. 112:

The specification shall conclude with one or more claims particularly pointing out and distinctly claiming the subject matter which the applicant regards as his invention.

9. Claims 1, 13, 17, and 23 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention.

Claim 1 has some confusion as to how the details of the scripting code concerning the prevention of the deletion relates to or changes the "initiating the execution" step. Initiating is only starting, it does not carry through all of the execution. The claim looks like a combination of the method plus the code. Claims 13, 17, and 23 have similar problems with the claims even though they are not method claims except for claim 23.

Claims 2, 3, 5-12, 14, 16, 18, 19, 21, and 22 are also rejected because of their dependency on a rejected base claim.

Inquiries

10. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Ella Colbert whose telephone number is 571-272-6741. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday, Wednesday, and Thursday, 5:30AM-3:00PM.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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May 24, 2007


ELLA COLBERT
PRIMARY EXAMINER